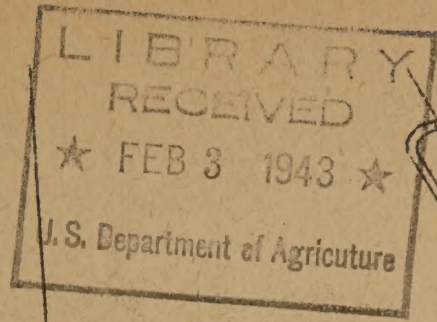
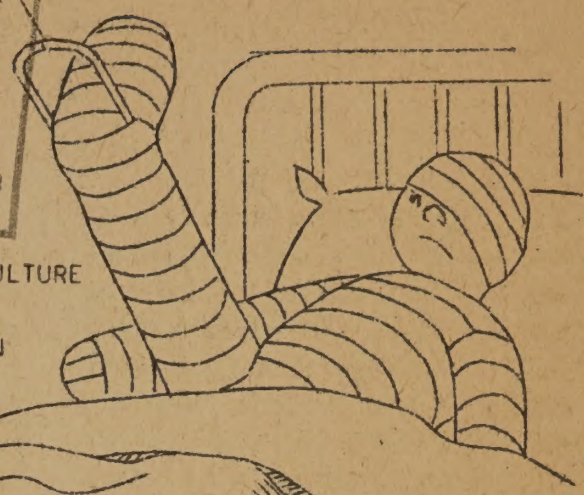


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FIRST AID

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT TERM "FIRST AID" WHICH HITS THE ORDINARY HUMAN ALL WRONG; THE VERY TITLE AT THE TOP OF THIS COLUMN IS A TEMPTATION TO TURN THE PAGE WITHOUT GIVING THE TEXT SO MUCH AS A GLANCE.

MAYBE IT IS BECAUSE WE ALWAYS ASSOCIATE FIRST AID WITH THE BOY SCOUTS--AND THE HE-MEN, THE ROUGH, TOUGH BOYS WHO EXPERIENCE THE MOST EXPOSURE TO INJURIES, SERIOUS AND MINOR, DON'T CARE TO BE CLASSED WITH THE NECKERCHIEF AND KNOT BOYS. STRANGELY ENOUGH, HOWEVER, THE HE-MEN ARE THE ONES WHO PROFIT MOST FROM THE KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE OF FIRST AID. THEY LIKE TO LAUGH OFF CUTS AND SCRATCHES AND PUNCTURES--BUT WHEN THAT FIERY BLOOD-POISON DRAGON CLAMPS ITSELF ON TO A SUPER HEALTHY BODY, HE SEEMS TO REDUCE THAT BODY TO SKIN AND BONES WITH GREATER FEROCITY THAN IS VENTED ON SOME OFFICE-BOUND ANEMIC.

LOT OF REASONS WHY THIS IS SO: THE BLOOD COURSES THROUGH A HEALTHY PHYSIQUE MORE RAPIDLY AND SPREADS INFECTION FASTER; THERE IS GREATER MARGIN FOR DESTRUCTION IN A STRONG-MAN TYPE OF TORSO; AND SO ON..... THE MORTICIAN, HOWEVER, USUALLY HAS THE LAST WORD IN SUCH CASES.

IF YOUR RUGGED INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT GIVE UP THE GHOST AND PASS INTO PAUL BUNYAN'S PARADISE, HE INVARIABLY LOSES AN ARM OR LEG IN THE FIGHT FOR LIFE. AND THE LOSS OF AN ARM OR LEG TO ONE WHO WORKS WITH HIS ENTIRE BODY IS TRAGEDY OF THE FIRST ORDER. HE MUST START LIFE ANEW--WORKING, IF HE CAN GET WORK, AT UNFAMILIAR TASKS--BEGINNING A NEW JOB, IF HE CAN FIND ONE, WITH A TREMENDOUS HANDICAP.

WE DON'T LIKE TO LOOK BACK, OR CRY ABOUT THE PAST. THERE IS PROFIT, HOWEVER, IN PAST MISTAKES, IF THE LESSONS MANIFEST ARE APPLIED TO PLANS FOR

THE FUTURE. FOUR OF THE LOST-TIME ACCIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT LAST YEAR WERE CAUSED BY FAILURE ON THE PART OF INJURED EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN FIRST AID FOR PUNCTURE WOUNDS OR BLISTERS. ONE OF THESE FOUR MEN, A BARREL-CHESTED LABORER WITH YEARS OF HARD WORK BEHIND HIM, SPENT WEEKS IN THE HOSPITAL AND NEARLY MET HIS DEATH FROM POISON WHICH DEVELOPED IN HIS WRIST AFTER NEGLECTING A SMALL PUNCTURE WOUND CAUSED BY A THORN.

THIS YEAR IS THE HURRY YEAR IN UNITED STATES HISTORY, IF EVER THERE WAS ONE. MINOR CUTS, PUNCTURES, AND SCRATCHES WILL OCCUR IN INCREASING NUMBERS IN 1942. EMPLOYEES WILL BE TEMPTED TO NEGLECT THEM IN THE RUSH TO GET THE JOB DONE. BUT IF ONE EMPLOYEE FALLS VICTIM TO BLOOD POISONING, THE MAN DAYS LOST WILL FAR OVER-BALANCE THE MINUTES SPENT BY EVERYONE ON THE JOB WHO OBTAINS FIRST AID.

A PHYSICIAN CAN TELL YOU A

* GET PROTECTION AGAINST INFECTION! *

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IGNORANT ABOUT BLOOD-POISONING TO FALL VICTIM TO IT. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO POSSESS A KNOWLEDGE OF FIRST AID TO PROFIT BY IT. IT'S BEEN SAID A MILLION TIMES, BUT WE'LL SAY IT AGAIN—NO SCRATCH IS MINOR ENOUGH TO BE NEGLECTED.

(FROM MOBILE SAFETY BEACON)

WHEN IN DOUBT CONSULT A DOCTOR

THE DOCTOR IS THE BEST JUDGE OF INJURIES, A HOME SUPERVISOR IN THE SOUTHWEST DECIDED, AFTER LEARNING THAT ONE OF THE SMALL BONES OF HER FOOT HAD BEEN BROKEN FOR 16 DAYS. THE SUPERVISOR, VISITING IN A TP HOME, HAD STEPPED ON A CHILD'S TOY WHICH STRUCK HER ACROSS THE FOOT. SHE TREATED IT HERSELF WITH LINIMENT. MORE THAN A FORTNIGHT LATER, SHE HURT HER FOOT AGAIN WHILE OPENING A GATE. THIS TIME THE PAIN WAS SO GREAT SHE WENT TO A PHYSICIAN FOR AN X-RAY. HE SAID THE BREAK HAD OCCURRED THE FIRST TIME SHE WAS HURT.

FLIP OF THE COIN

A DRIVER WAS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY ALONG A SMOOTH AND DESERTED HIGHWAY WHEN HE SUDDENLY SLOWED DOWN AS HE APPROACHED A CROSS-ROAD. AT THIS INSTANT A FARM TRUCK THAT HAD BEEN HIDDEN BY BUSHES POPPED OUT OF THE INTERSECTION AND CUT ACROSS THE ROADWAY JUST AHEAD OF THE DRIVER.

ASKED WHY HE HAD DECIDED TO

SLOW DOWN, THE DRIVER SAID: "BECAUSE I COULDN'T SEE WHAT MIGHT BE COMING ON THAT HIDDEN ROAD!"

CONTRAST THIS ATTITUDE OF MIND WITH THAT IN A SIMILAR INCIDENT. THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE THE SAME, BUT THE DRIVER ON THE SMOOTH AND APPARENTLY DESERTED ROAD DID NOT SLOW DOWN. HIS VEHICLE CRASHED INTO THE SIDE OF THE FARM TRUCK AND A WOMAN PASSENGER IN HIS CAR WAS KILLED.

NOW IN BOTH THESE INSTANCES THE INITIAL FAULT WAS, OF COURSE, WITH THE DRIVER OF THE FARM TRUCK. HE DID NOT STOP BEFORE ENTERING THE HIGHWAY—DID NOT OBEY THE WARNING STOP SIGN.

BUT WAS THERE NO RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART OF THE OTHER DRIVER? IN ONE CASE, A LIFE WAS SACRIFICED. IN THE OTHER, BECAUSE OF A CONTROLLING SENSE OF CAUTION, NO ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

THE GREAT MAJORITY OF DRIVERS ARE CAREFUL AND USE FORESIGHT AND INTELLIGENCE IN THEIR DRIVING. NEVERTHELESS, LAST YEAR 34,500 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND MORE THAN A MILLION OTHERS WERE SERIOUSLY DISABLED.

THERE MUST BE, THEN, FAR TOO MANY DRIVERS WITHOUT THAT CONTROLLING SENSE OF CAUTION. EITHER THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND OR THEY DO NOT CARE TO ACCEPT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD

THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.

RECORDS PROVE THAT AT LEAST 50 PER CENT OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY VIOLATION OF A FEW OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC RULES THAT ARE THE PART OF GOOD DRIVING PRACTICE.

THE MORE COMMON AMONG THESE ARE: "DRIVING TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS," "VIOLATING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY," "DRIVING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD," AND "DISREGARDING STOP OR OTHER WARNING SIGNALS."

WHY DO DRIVERS TAKE THESE CHANCES? IS IT BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE AN ACCIDENT NEVER WILL HAPPEN TO THEM? IS IT BECAUSE THEY PUT AN AMAZING TRUST IN THE ELEMENT OF LUCK TO PROTECT THEM?

IT IS COMMON SENSE TO ACCEPT A HAZARD ONLY IF YOU CAN AFFORD TO LOSE.

TAKE A COIN AND TOSS IT, CALLING "HEADS" OR "TAILS" AS IT FALLS. YOU MAY CALL THE TURN CORRECTLY 20 TIMES. BUT EVENTUALLY YOU WILL FAIL.

CAN YOU EVER AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR LIFE IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT?

CAN YOU AFFORD TO CAUSE THE DEATH OF AN INNOCENT PASSENGER?

CAN YOU AFFORD TO INJURE, PERHAPS KILL, A PERSON IN ANOTHER VEHICLE?

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* A LITTLE MORE CARE MAKES ACCIDENTS RARE *
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CAN YOU EVEN AFFORD TO SMASH UP YOUR OWN OR ANOTHER CAR?

IF YOU COULD KNOW THAT WHEN YOU DRIVE OUT INTO THE ROADWAY TODAY YOU WOULD CAUSE A SERIOUS ACCIDENT BY TAKING A CERTAIN HAZARD, YOU WOULD NEVER TAKE IT!

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO BE SURE.

DRIVE ALWAYS WITH THAT CONTROLLING SENSE OF CAUTION WHICH WILL ANTICIPATE DANGEROUS CONDITIONS AND GUARD INTELLIGENTLY AGAINST THEM.

(FROM NATIONAL SAFETY NEWS)

LOOSE SAND CAUSES ACCIDENT

THE COMBINATION OF A "DEAD SAND" ROAD AND THE DIM LIGHT OF AN EARLY EVENING CAUSED A SERIOUS ACCIDENT FOR AN RR SUPERVISOR ENROUTE TO VISIT A BORROWER. TRAVELING ABOUT 50 MILES AN HOUR, HE SUDDENLY STRUCK THE LOOSE SAND AND LOST CONTROL OF THE CAR. IT SWERVED AND SIDESWIPE AN OAK TREE, THEN RAN ABOUT TEN FEET INTO THE WOODS. THE SUPERVISOR WAS THROWN FROM THE CAR. MULTIPLE FRACTURE OF THE PELVIS WAS HIS MOST SERIOUS INJURY, AND HE COULD NOT BE MOVED FROM THE HOSPITAL FOR SOME TIME.

ATTENTION, CHAIR WARMERS!

LISTEN, YOU CHAIR WARMERS, TO THIS STORY ABOUT SAFETY!

OUT IN THE PLANT ARE DOZENS,

MAYBE HUNDREDS, OF EMPLOYEES. EVERY ONE OF THEM AND THEIR FOREMEN ARE THINKING ABOUT PREVENTING ACCIDENTS DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY'S WORK.

IN MANY CASES THE PLANTS HAVE MANAGED TO HANG UP SPLENDID RECORDS OF MANY DAYS AND MONTHS WITHOUT A SINGLE INJURY.

THE BOYS IN THE PLANT ARE PROUD OF THOSE RECORDS. NOT THAT THE RECORDS MEAN MUCH THEMSELVES, BUT THEY ARE EVIDENCE OF A SAFE PLACE TO WORK, AND THAT IS IMPORTANT.

YOU OFFICE WORKERS MAY NOT KNOW IT, BUT YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE FOLKS OUT IN THE PLANT - TO HELP THEM SET THESE SPOTLESS ACCIDENT-FREE RECORDS AND THEN HELP THEM TO PRESERVE THE RECORDS.

A LOST-TIME ACCIDENT INVOLVING AN OFFICE WORKER BREAKS A PLANT-WIDE SAFETY RECORD JUST AS SURELY AS AN ACCIDENT THAT OCCURS OUT IN THE PLANT.

FURTHERMORE, IF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE PLANT, DOING WORK THAT INVOLVES MORE HAZARDOUS OPERATIONS THAN OFFICE WORK, CAN WHIP THOSE HAZARDS AND SET IMPRESSIVE SAFETY RECORDS, THEN WE OFFICE WORKERS LOOK PRETTY SILLY IF WE CAN'T AVOID SUCH SIMPLE THINGS AS PAPER CUTS, TIPPING OVER IN OUR CHAIRS AND STUMBLING OVER OUR OWN FEET.

HOWEVER, OFFICE ACCIDENTS

ARE COOLING OFF THE CHAIR WARMERS WITH SURPRISING FREQUENCY.

THE THREE HAZARDS MENTIONED ABOVE CAUSE MANY OF THEM. FIN PRICKS, SCISSORS CUTS AND SLIVERS FROM DESKS CAUSE MANY SKIN BREAKS THAT CARRY THE THREAT OF INFECTION AND BLOOD POISONING.

FILING CABINETS TOPPLE OVER WHEN HEAVILY LOADED DRAWERS ARE PULLED OUT TOO FAR. COLLISIONS BETWEEN PERSONS AT THE CORNERS OF OFFICE CORRIDORS RESULT IN SPRAINED ANKLES AND BROKEN ARMS. PUNCTURE WOUNDS FROM PENCIL POINTS ADD TO THE TOLL.

THERE ARE HAZARDS GALORE IN EVERY OFFICE, AND THEY CAUSE THEIR SHARE OF LOST-TIME ACCIDENTS.

WHEN OFFICE WORKERS TAKE SAFETY AS SERIOUSLY AS THE PEOPLE IN THE PLANT, THERE'LL BE MORE AND BETTER SAFETY RECORDS. (FROM SAFE WORKER)

OFFICE HAZARD

FILING CABINETS LOOK HARMLESS ENOUGH, BUT FREQUENTLY THEY CAUSE ACCIDENTS. AN FSA FILE CLERK WAS WORKING ON MATERIAL IN THE LOWER DRAWER OF A CABINET WHEN THE TOP DRAWER SLID OUT AND TIPPED THE CABINET. HE TRIED TO KEEP THE CABINET FROM FALLING, BUT STRUCK HIS HEAD ON A CORNER AND RECEIVED A SEVERE SCALP INJURY.

* SAFE HABITS ARE AS EASY TO CULTIVATE AS CARELESS ONES *

NOT SO LONG AGO

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS NO SAFETY ENGINEER--NO SAFETY INSPECTOR--NO SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

CONSTRUCTION WAS CARRIED ON BY BRAVNY BRAWLERS WHO GAVE NO THOUGHT TO WORKING IN A SAFE MANNER; THEY PRIDED THEMSELVES ON BEING EQUAL TO ANY DANGEROUS SITUATION, NO MATTER WHAT THE ODDS AGAINST THEIR COMING THROUGH IT WHOLE AND INTACT HAPPENED TO BE. THEY FOUGHT FOR RESULTS IN PRODUCTION ON THE JOB, AND FOUGHT EACH OTHER AND RIVAL CAMPS BETWEEN SONS. THEY WERE ROUGH--TOUGH--SPECTACULAR--COLORFUL. THEY DIED LIKE FLIES.

INDUSTRY WAS PEOPLED WITH THE SAME TYPE OF EMPLOYEES. THEY WERE EXPLOITED BY FINANCIERS WHOSE ONLY THOUGHT WAS MAKING THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. IN PRACTICALLY EVERY PROFITABLE ENDEAVOR, THE INJURY AND DEATH SCORES WERE NOT GIVEN A THOUGHT.

CAME THE INTELLIGENT AND HUMANITARIAN EMPLOYER. HIS OWN EMPLOYEES SCOFFED AT HIS PROGRAMS OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION--WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW INTELLIGENT WORKMEN, AND THOSE WHO ALREADY HAD BEEN MAIMED OR DISABLED AND WHO WERE CARRYING A HEAVY HANDICAP IN THE GAME OF LIFE. BUT SAFETY PROGRESSED.

JUST AS SAFETY WAS BEGINNING TO MAKE HEADWAY, THE EFFICIENCY EXPERT ARRIVED; SAFETY RECEIVED QUITE A SETBACK AT HIS HANDS. MANY SAFETY DEVICES AND PRECAUTIONS WERE THROWN OUT IN THE NEW PROGRAM OF DERIVING THE MOST PRODUCTION FROM THE FEWEST MAN-HOURS. BY THIS TIME, FORTUNATELY, COMPENSATION LEGISLATION HAD BEEN SET UP; EMPLOYERS DISCOVERED TO THEIR ALARM THAT THE NEW "EFFICIENCY PRODUCTION" WAS NOT BALANCING UP WITH THE RED-INK ENTRIES OF INJURY COMPENSATION. THE EFFICIENCY EXPERT WAS FORCED TO WORK HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE NEW SAFETY ENGINEER.

THE OLD ORDER HAS CHANGED. YOUR MODERN WORKMAN FIGHTS FOR THE HAPPY COMBINATION OF PRODUCTION WITH SAFETY. HE PRIDES HIMSELF ON BEING A MEMBER OF THE SAFEST CREW IN THE PLANT. HE MAKES THE NEW MAN TAKE IT EASY UNTIL HE BECOMES ACCUSTOMED TO HIS WORK AND HIS SURROUNDINGS. AND NOBODY BLAMES THE NEW MAN FOR PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY.

THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE-- BUT MUCH IS BEING DONE--IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY. IT IS THE MODERN PROGRAM. IT DESERVES THE FULLEST COOPERATION OF EVERYONE. IT MUST HAVE SUCH COOPERATION TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. (FROM YE SAFTIE CRIER)

PRESSURE COOKER ACCIDENT

PRESSURE COOKERS SHOULD BE USED IN EXACT ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS. FAULTY COOKERS SHOULD BE DISCARDED IMMEDIATELY. A NUMBER OF HOME SUPERVISORS CARRIED THESE WARNINGS TO THEIR BORROWER FAMILIES WITH GREATER EMPHASIS THAN EVER, FOLLOWING THEIR EXPERIENCE AT A CANNING DEMONSTRATION HELD AT A NEARBY COLLEGE. DURING THE AFTERNOON, A COOKER EXPLODED. SMALL FRAGMENTS HIT ONE SUPERVISOR, CAUSING MINOR BURNS AND CUTS. SHE WAS TREATED BY THE COLLEGE DOCTOR AND LATER BY A GOVERNMENT-DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN, AND WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO HER DUTIES THE NEXT DAY.

ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES HINDER DEFENSE

IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE DASTARDLY ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR. DO YOU KNOW THAT DURING EACH MONTH OF 1941, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEARLY THE SAME NUMBER OF PERSONS WERE KILLED IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, ALMOST AS MANY MORE IN HOME ACCIDENTS, HALF AS MANY IN PUBLIC (NOT MOTOR VEHICLE) ACCIDENTS AND MORE THAN HALF AS MANY IN OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS, MAKING A TOTAL OF OVER 8,000 KILLED EACH MONTH? (FROM DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SAFETY LOG)

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* IN THE ABC OF SAFETY THE MOST IMPORTANT LETTER IS "U" *

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